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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETEL, MARR, PINT, NO
SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED LORAN-C DOCUMENTS

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED A FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE JULY 17TH LISTING SIX DOCUMENTS (1958-1959 VINTAGE) RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF LORAN-C IN NORWAY AND ASKING THE USG'S CONCURRENCE IN THEIR DECLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE TO THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE IMPEACHMENT OF TWO FORMER MEMBERS. AS USUAL, THE MINISTRY IS OPERATING UNDER TIGHT TIME CONSTRAINTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE A WASHINGTON RESPONSE BY OOB OSLO TIME JULY 24TH. IN THIS NOTE THE GON SEEKS OUR AGREEMENT, UNDER OUR 1970 EXCHANGE OF NOTES, TO DECLASSIFY THE SIX DOCUMENTS. IF WE CANNOT AGREE, THE GON WE UNDERSTAND PRIVATELY MAY PROVIDE THE DOCUMENTS TO THE STORTING COMMITTEE ANYWAY.
2. ALL SIX DOCUMENTS HAVE EITHER BEEN SUMMARIZED OR REPRINTED IN FULL IN THE ALREADY PUBLISHED SCHEI REPORT. AFTER HAVING REVIEWED THE SCHEI RENDERING OF THEM, WE CAN SEE NO MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THEIR FURTHER EXPOSURE. THEREFORE, UNLESS DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES SOME OTHER DIFFICULTIES, WE WOULD RECOMMEND CONCURRING WITH THE GON'S DESIRE TO DECLASSIFY THE SIX DOCUMENTS.

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3. BEGIN TEXT: THE ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE AD HOC PROTOCOL COMMITTEE OF THE ODELSTING HAS REQUESTED THE MINISTRY TO RELEASE SEVERAL LORAN-C DOCUMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE STATE IMPEACHMENT OF TWO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE STORTING.

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ASKED BY ONE OF ITS MEMBERS, MR. STEIN ORNHOI, TO MAKE THIS REQUEST. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF 7 JUNE 1978, CONCERNING A REQUEST OF A SIMILAR CHARACTER.

IN A SUBSEQUENT LETTER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE HAS ASKED FOR THE MINISTRY'S OPINION CONCERNING A POSSIBLE DECLASSIFICATION OF LORAN-C DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT.

A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE INDICATES THAT SIX OF THEM MAY BE COVERED BY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 1970, BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN OSLO CONCERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION COMMUNICATED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

A LIST OF THE SIX DOCUMENTS IS ENCLOSED.

AS THE EMBASSY WILL NOTE, THE LAST TWO DOCUMENTS IN THE LIST ARE THE SAME DOCUMENTS THAT WERE MENTIONED IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF 7 JUNE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY MADE AVAILABLE TO PROFESSOR, DR. JURIS TORSTEIN ECKHOFF. THE MINISTRY NOW CONSIDERS THE POSSIBLE DECLASSIFICATION OF THE SIX DOCUMENTS. IT WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE TO LEARN WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CAN AGREE TO SUCH A STEP. AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

IF DECLASSIFICATION CANNOT BE AGREED TO BY
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UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES THE MINISTRY WOULD CONSIDER TO RELEASE THE DOCUMENTS WITH THEIR PRESENT SECURITY CLASSIFICATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE.

IT SHOULD BE ADDED THAT THIS NOTE MAY, AT A LATER STAGE, BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A SIMILAR REQUEST CONCERNING OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT CONTAIN CLASSIFIED INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

ENCLOSURE

LIST OF SIX DOCUMENTS RELATING TO LORAN-C INSTALLATIONS IN NORWAY
-- AIRDE-MEMOIRE, DATED MAY 16, 1958, FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OSLO, CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LORAN-C INSTALLATION IN NORWAY; WITH ONE ENCLOSURE (MEMORANDUM ON FREQUENCY PROBLEMS OF LORAN-C STATIONS). THE DOCUMENT WITH ENCLOSURE IS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET.

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-- AIDE-MEMOIRE, DATED JUNE 18, 1958, FROM THE EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OSLO, WITH SOME BACKGROUND
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LORAN-C SYSTEM. THE DOCUMENT
IS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET.

-- SUGGESTED TEXT OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES, DATED NOVEMBER 3,
1958, BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OSLO,
CONCERNING LOCATIONS FOR LORAN-C STATIONS IN NORWAY;
WITH FOUR ENCLOSURES (THIRD TENTATIVE DRAFT MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF LORAN-C
STATIONS AT KLEPPELVEN, ON JAN MAYEN ISLAND, AND AT
HOLMSTAD, SECOND TENTATIVE DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING,
AND A SHORT SURVEY OF "ANTICIPATED INTERFERENCE
CAUSED BY LORAN-C TRANSMITTER IN NORWAY TO CERTAIN
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES"). THE SUGGESTED
NOTES WITH ENCLOSURES ARE CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET.

-- SUGGESTED TEXT OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES (U.S. DRAFT NO 2 OF
PROPOSED U.S. NOTE), DATED DECEMBER 19, 1958, ADDRESSED
TO THE NORWEGIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FROM THE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, OSLO. THE DRAFT NOTE IS CLASSIFIED
TOP SECRET.

-- AGREED DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF JANUARY 19,
1959, CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF A LORAN-C TRANSMITTING
STATION AT KLEPPELVEN, NORWAY, AND LORAN-C MONITOR STATIONS ON
JAN MAYEN ISLAND AND AT HOLMSTAD, NORWAY. (THE DRAFT MEMORANDUM
AS SUCH IS NOT DATED, BUT WAS FORWARDED AS AN ENCLOSURE TO A
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LETTER OF JANUARY 19, 1959, TO MR. F. JACOBSEN, CHIEF, POLIT-

ICAL AFFAIRS OFFICE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FROM MR.
F. HOWE, AMERICAN EMBASSY, OSLO). THE DOCUMENT IS CLASSIFIED
SECRET.

-- EXCHANGE OF NOTES (TWO NOTES) OF JANUARY 28, 1959,
BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE AMBASSADOR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A LONG RANGE RADIO AID TO NAVIGATION (LORAN-:) STATION AND
RELATED FACILITIES IN NORWAY.
THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES IS CLASSIFIED SECRET.
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